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CREDIT FOR FARMERS IN DEVELOPING FAO COUNTRIES, OCTOBER  
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1. WE HAVE JUST DISCOVERED THAT HOTEL SITUATION IN ROME IS MUCH TIGHTER THIS FALL THAN IT WAS IN SPRING. THIS CAUSES US PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT FARM CREDIT CONFERENCE, BECAUSE WE CANNOT EASILY GUESS HOW MANY OFFICIALS WILL BE COMING FROM UNITED STATES IN ABSENCE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS, AND FARM CREDIT CONFERENCE IS CONTEMPORANEOUS WITH MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND FAO INVESTMENT CENTER'S BANKER'S MEETING. WE NEED NAMES OF U.S. OFFICIALS COMING OR AT LEAST NUMBERS, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE DO NOT NORMALLY HANDLE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR PRIVATE OBSERVERS, AND FAO IS DOING SO ONLY UPON SPECIFIC REQUEST.

2. ABBOTT, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF PREPARATIONS IN FAO, SAYS MANY COUNTRIES HAVE NOW NAMED ONE OR TWO OFFICIALS, PRINCIPALLY FROM THEIR CENTRAL BANKS. UNITED KINGDOM AND GERMANY HAVE NOT DESIGNATED THEIR OFFICIALS YET, BUT CANADA HAS NAMED A CREDIT OFFICIAL AND ANOTHER YET, FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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AND FRANCE HAS NAMED TWO SPECIALISTS IN FARM CREDIT WITH

PARTICULAR EXPERIENCE IN WEST AFRICA.

3. ABBOTT CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO FACT THAT FAO INVESTMENT CENTER HAS CONTEMPORANEOUS MEETING OF ITS BANKERS GROUPM. CARROLL OF INVESTMENT CENTER INDICATED THAT U.S. BANKS WHO ARE MENBERS OF ITS GROUP HAVE BEEN INVITED. AMONG BANKS LISTED IN PARA 2, REF B THERE ARE BANK OF AMERICA, BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, MANUFACTURERS HANOVER, AND FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK. OTHER BANKS LISTED IN REF B ARE NOT MEMBERS OF FAO GROUP, ALTHOUGH CHASE MAHATTAN WAS AT FIRST A MEMBER. BANKERS MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 13-14 WITH DELIBERATE INTENT OF HAVING BANKERS IN ROME AT SAME TIME FARM CREDIT CONFERENCE WAS PROCEEDING.VOLPE

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